

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4-7, 12-14 and 17-19 are pending in the above-identified application.

Allowable Claims

The previous Final Office Action indicated that claim 1 would be allowable if amended in order to overcome certain objections raised under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. It is submitted that claim 1 has indeed been appropriately amended and placed into allowable form. Since all other pending claims ultimately depend from claim 1, and since previously rejected claim 8 has been cancelled, it is submitted that all of the presently pending claims are in allowable form.

Removal of Issues in Previous Final Office Action

The previous Final Office Action of December 3, 2004, raised various objections concerning claims 1-8, 12-14 and 16-19 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. The previous Reply filed March 3, 2005, cancelled some claims and amended other claims in order to address all of these issues. It is submitted that all of the noted objections in the Final Office Action have been addressed and overcome.

Removal of Issues Raised in Advisory Action

The Advisory Action of May 19, 2005, raised some additional issues regarding claims 12, 13 and 18. As noted above, claim 18 was cancelled. Claims 12 and 13 have been amended so as to address and overcome these issues.

Conclusion

It is submitted for the reasons stated above that the present claims define patentable subject matter such that this application should now be placed condition for allowance.

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